



The Weekly News of the Northeast Church of Christ

December 13, 2015

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ESPECIALLY FOR OUR GUESTS ...

- Please pick up an information packet from our welcome table in the lobby. We also have a small gift for our first-time guests.
- We are grateful for your presence today. Please fill out an attendance card (please indicate both your first and last names) so we can have a record of your presence.
- About halfway through the service, the children kindergarten through the 4th grade will be dismissed for their own class downstairs. For those 4 years old and under, there are classes on the main level throughout the entire service. We encourage the use of our attended nursery class for those who need it.
- If you have any questions concerning our services or the church or the Bible, we encourage you to speak to one of our elders or our minister.

PURPOSE SUNDAY



Today is Purpose Sunday. You will have the opportunity to

confidentially fill out a purpose card of what you plan to give for the coming year.

GIVING TREE



If you didn't have a chance to pick up an ornament, there are other ways you can help. The families can also use household items, such as soap, detergent, paper towels, toothpaste, etc. Those items do not have to be wrapped. Gift cards to Meijer & Kroger and gas cards would also be helpful. Do not wrap gift cards. If you are bringing in a wrapped gift, please remember to *lightly* tape the ornament to the outside of the package so Amy will know what's inside. *Your gifts need to be placed downstairs next Sunday.*

KIDS CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY



Next Sunday plan to leave your kids at church after morning services for a day of Christmas fun. There will be crafts, baking, movies and music. This is for kids of all ages. Come back for evening services at 5:00 and stay after to enjoy some yummy creations. Lunch and dinner will be provided for the kids. Older kids or adults, see Amy Mickey if you can help during the day. *It's important and necessary to sign up your kids for this day.*




Debbie Winkel, Jeannette Schiele's daughter, spent some time in the hospital last week and will have tests on her heart.

Gage Spurlin, Cheryl's grandson, was hospitalized briefly last week and will have some heart testing done.

REQUESTING PRAYERS

Brenda McCraw

CARE CENTER EVENT


 The Church of Christ Care Center is excited to announce a benefit event. The internationally acclaimed performing group, **Acappella** (a member of the Christian Music Hall of Fame), will perform a concert on **Saturday, March 5, 2016**, at 2:30 p.m. in the Performing Arts Theater of Avondale High School. Ticket prices are \$30 for general admission and \$25 for youth 18 & under and seniors 62 and older. They expect all 800 seats to be sold out, so get your tickets now. Contact Esther Simmons at 586-285-7104 or you can get your tickets online at www.cofccc.org.

DIAPER DAYS


We want to “shower” Benjamin Poe with diapers. We ask that you bring in any size diaper, **size 2 and up**, and place them in Vicki's office. Donations of formula are also welcome. Benjamin uses Enfamil Gentle Ease Powder. This is just a small way to welcome him to our Northeast family. See Vicki if you have any questions.



COOKIE EXCHANGE


 Ladies, our cookie exchange will be **Tuesday, Dec. 22**, at 7 p.m. at the church building. Start planning now which of your favorite cookies you want to make and bring 1/2 dozen for each person that night to share with our sisters. You will go home with a wonderful assortment of deliciousness! There will be snacks and lots of fun and sharing. Sign up now in the hallway. Thank you to Carla Murray and Sara Nelson for organizing this event.

FOOD BASKETS

We again will be distributing  food baskets during the Christmas season to families in need. If you wish to make a contribution to help purchase the food items, please see Paul Wooldridge or Paul Klemczak today. The baskets will be handed out next Sunday.

* **CHILDREN'S WORSHIP** *
* **CLASS ASSISTANTS** *
* Dec. 13 - Melanie Berger *
* Dec. 20 - Pam Sanders *
* Dec. 27 - Jayda Wilson *

ELDER CHAIRMAN

 **Joe Mason** is the chairman of the elders through December. You can contact him if you have any questions or concerns.

Why Do We Purpose Our Giving?

IT'S AN ENCOURAGEMENT TO BE REGULAR IN OUR GIVING.

Purposing and then using the envelope system is a constant reminder and encouragement for us to give consistently and regularly. Giving systematically as we prosper (rather than whimsically) is the spirit of good stewardship. In order to meet needs for God's people, Paul told the Corinthians to take a collection each Sunday (1 Cor. 16:1-2).

IT'S AN OPPORTUNITY TO THINK ABOUT OUR STEWARDSHIP.

Jesus taught extensively about being good stewards of our money (read Luke 16 as an example). Paul wrote that generous sowing means generous reaping (2 Cor. 9:6). Sometimes it's easy to not consciously think about how much we are giving, and we fail to give as we have prospered. As good stewards, each should plan his giving "in keeping with his income" (1 Cor. 16:2) – and that means we should consider our income and examine our hearts, and then give purposefully and cheerfully, "not reluctantly or under compulsion" (2 Cor. 9:7). Paul also says that "each" Christian should do this. Others cannot obey for you, and others cannot give for you. Each Christian should learn to give out of love, because our God is a giving God.

IT'S SCRIPTURAL. Paul asked the Corinthians to complete what they had purposed to give the previous year (2 Cor. 8:9). In other words, they planned their giving in advance. We commit to other expenditures, and there is nothing wrong with pledging our giving to the church in the same way. 2 Cor. 9:7 says that each should give what he has purposed in his heart to give.

IT'S THE BEST WAY TO SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL CHURCH.

The local church should receive our support, for it is the tangible presence of the body of Christ in a specific community and the focal point of God's redemptive goals. When you invest in a local church, you support that which will have a multiplying effect upon many for years to come, not to mention eternity. If "home base" is not kept strong, our own faith and ministry suffers. Scripture gives accounts of Christians supporting God's work through local churches (1 Cor. 16:1f, 2 Cor. 8, Acts 11:30, etc.). This is an orderly and prudent way for shepherds to carry on good works and plan for the spiritual growth of the flock.

HOW TO BECOME A CHRISTIAN

Jesus Christ, the Son of God, died for us and rose from the dead, making salvation available as a gift (John 3:16; Romans 6:23). In order to benefit from this great sacrificial love, one must receive God's grace through faith in Christ and obedience to him (Romans 5:1-2; Hebrews 5:9). To become a Christian, the Bible teaches that we must believe in and put our trust in Christ (John 8:24), turn away from a life of sin (Luke 13:3), confess Jesus as Lord (Romans 10:9-10), and be baptized for the forgiveness of sins (Acts 2:38; 22:16). If you would like to further study this question of "What must I do to be saved?", please see our minister or one of our elders.

TIMES OF SERVICES

Sunday

Bible School - 9:30 a.m.
Worship - 10:30 a.m. & 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday

Bible Study - 7:00 p.m.

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WORSHIP ATTENDANTS

December 13, 2015

Opening Prayer - Tom Cardwell
Song Leader - Kenny Cummings
Sermon - Brian Poe

Communion servants for December

Ty Filipiak Mike Yuchasz
Steve Karwowski Jay Kramer

Audio visual servitors for December

Dean Stewart Craig Sims

FOR THE RECORD

December 6, 2015

Bible School	67
Sunday Morning Worship	131
Avg. attendance for 2015	133
Sunday Evening Worship	11
Mid-Week Bible Study	32
Contribution	\$3,546.00
Avg. contribution for 2015	\$3,927.87
Budget	\$3,792.00
Shults-Lewis	\$52.00
Total for 2015	\$1,225.16

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